

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 KALEB COLE,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-0032-JCC

ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. A sentencing hearing for defendant Kaleb
16 Cole is presently scheduled for 9 a.m. in Courtroom 16206. In light of the public health issues
17 presented by the emergence of the Omicron variant, Chief Judge Martinez recently limited
18 gallery capacity for any proceeding to eight individuals, unless otherwise permitted by the
19 presiding judge for good cause. *See* W.D. Wash. General Order 01-22 (January 7, 2022).

20 Here, the Court FINDS good cause to allow twelve observers in the gallery for this
21 proceeding. This is based on the nature of the crime (intimidation of journalists) and the resulting
22 public interest. Moreover, public health can be maintained by requiring those observers to show
23 proof of full vaccination (*i.e.*, two shots of Pfizer/Moderna or one shot of Johnson and Johnson)
24 before entering the courtroom. Any persons arriving at the courthouse who cannot be
25 accommodated in Courtroom 16206 will be directed to an overflow courtroom.

1 Unvaccinated persons wishing to observe are encouraged to do so telephonically, through
2 the Court's teleconference line. The Court's website has further information on accessing this
3 line.

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5 DATED this 10th day of January 2022.

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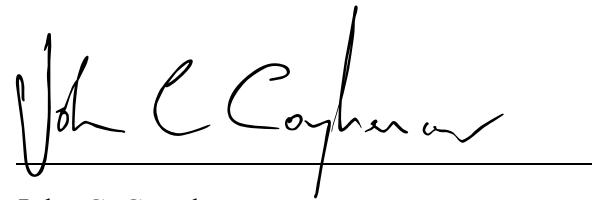
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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE